

# Residents' Responsibilities During Winter Months

- City standard for snow/ ice control is bare pavement everywhere on public streets within 24 hours following the cessation of snowfall from an average storm of 4-6". Alleys are last priority and will be accomplished, unless successive snow requires city assets to be employed on main streets continuously.
- Residents are encouraged to remove vehicles from streets to allow crews to push snow to curb. City Code prohibits parking in turn-a-round areas of cul-de-sacs until snow is cleared.
- When clearing driveways, make sure the snow is **not** pushed into the street. This is covered by City Code and violators can be cited. It is an operational hazard that crews sometimes plow snow back into driveways when pushing snow to the curb.
- Sump pump discharge should not run over sidewalks and allowed to freeze. De-icing chemicals must be used to control the problem. Residents can be cited.
- Residents who have a fire hydrant near their property are required to shovel the area around the hydrant and keep it clear at all times. Mailboxes should also be cleared or mail may not be delivered.

**For further information about residents' responsibilities during winter months, call the Public Works Department at 563-344-4088.**

## Clearing Snow/Ice from Sidewalks

All property owners or residents who have sidewalks adjoining their property are required to clear snow/ice within 48 hours of conclusion of two inches or more snow event. Property owners or residents who fail to clear snow and ice will receive a door hanger notice. If sidewalks are not cleared after 24 hours of receiving the door hanger, the City will work by contractor to clear sidewalks and the property owner will be charged.

Currently the cost of removing snow is the minimum hourly rate of \$30 per hour for an operator with a snow blower, \$25 per hour for an operator with a chopper, and \$25 per hour for an operator with hand tools. In addition to the hourly fee, a \$75 administrative fee to cover the costs of City staff time and enforcement action will be charged. Depending upon the equipment used by the contractor, a minimum fee of \$100 will be charged per occurrence. The contractor will charge \$15 per bag of chemical ice remover required per occurrence. Cost of snow removal from sidewalks is subject to change.

Sidewalk over six feet wide is city's responsibility to clear. Sidewalk six feet wide or less is responsibility of property owner or resident. This includes not only sidewalks in front of home but also in the back of property and beyond a privacy fence that may surround the backyard.

**Questions concerning snow/ice removal from sidewalks should be directed to Code Enforcement Office at 563-344-4064.**

